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Tuesday, November 20, 1928

2:30 P. M.

BALTIMORE HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

DR. C. H. LANE, *President*, Presiding.

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1. "AIMS AND PURPOSES OF THE F. F. A. ORGANIZATION"—Dr. C. H. Lane, Acting President Future Farmers of America.
2. "THE PART THE MEMBER PLAYS IN AN ORGANIZATION"—Geo. R. Collett, President Kansas City Stock Yards Company.
3. TRUE STORY—John F. Case, Author of "Tom of Peace Valley."
4. REPORTS OF PROGRESS FROM STATES—Delegates.
5. ANNUAL REPORT—Board of Trustees.
6. AWARD OF KEYS TO AMERICAN FARMERS.
7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:
   - (A) Nominating Committee.
     Election of Officers.
   - (B) Auditing Committee.
   - (C) Committee on Program of Work.

January, 1929

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

It is our pleasure to present in the first issue of AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION the detailed minutes of the first Congress of the Future Farmers of America, held November 20, 1928, at the Baltimore Hotel at Kansas City, Missouri. Much space will regularly be given to the activities of all kinds of organizations of students in vocational agriculture and these will be treated under the generic head given above, which has now been made official for the country at large. It is expected that for a long time, and probably permanently, there will be quite wide variations in the organization and management of student organizations in the various states. It is our understanding that there will be no attempt on the part of the national organization to standardize the details of state procedure. Consequently, it seems that this new organization is one in which all may share and that the adoption of its name as the heading under which to treat the activities of all student groups in the country is justifiable.

Mr. Henry C. Groseclose of Virginia, who has been actively identified with this movement from the beginning and who is the executive secretary of the new national organization, will edit these materials for us. A departmental organization will not, however, be rigidly followed.

THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION MEETING AT KANSAS CITY

The meeting was called to order by acting President Dr. C. H. Lane at 2:30 p.m.

The following talks were given:
"Aims and Purposes of the F. F. A. Organization," Dr. C. H. Lane, acting President, Future Farmers of America.

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"The Part the Member Plays in an Organization," George R. Collett, President Kansas City Stock Yards Company.

True Story, John F. Case, author of "Tom of Peace Valley."

Delegates then reported the progress of the organization by states. A summary of these reports follows:

OREGON--Neal Thompson. No state organization at present, but the delegates are going home and help the state supervisor of agriculture perfect an organization. By the time of the next annual meeting Oregon will have a charter.

SOUTH CAROLINA--Wallace Grant. This is the second year South Carolina has had a state organization of Future Farmers. Now have 2,000 members. Last year the state president was sent to Denmark to study agricultural education. Nine boys were granted Planter degrees this year. Have made application for a state charter from F. F. A. Have a complete program of work. Expect to publish a state hand book.

UTAH--Albert Banks. At the state fair this year, 300 vocational agriculture boys from 31 schools met and voted to apply for a charter from the F. F. A. Have a state organization at the present time. Expect to publish some kind of a magazine.

MICHIGAN--Glen Hansel. Have no state Future Farmer organization at present. Hope to become affiliated the coming year. The matter will be presented at the state judging contest where some 1,200 vocational agriculture boys will be told of this meeting.

IOWA--Herschel Hintermeister. No state organization. Most agricultural departments have local clubs. Expect to organize on the state plan.

NEBRASKA--Alvin Reimer. Have local agricultural associations, but not a state organization. Expect to organize on state basis later.

NEW JERSEY--Leslie Applegate. State organization called Young Farmers Association of New Jersey. Started October, 1923. Have local associations in all schools where vocational agriculture is taught. Have a vocational agriculture watch fob that was designed by an agriculture boy. Have published three year books. Voted at last annual meeting to apply for a charter from the F. F. A., and charter has been granted. Have a program of work for next year.

NORTH DAKOTA--Howard Cree. At present 32 out of our 44 agriculture departments are in favor of affiliating with the F. F. A. We hope soon to apply for a charter.

OHIO--Lawrence Augenstine. (In '69 spelled "Augenstein") We have at present 123 local clubs of the Townsend Literary Society with 900 members. It is expected that this state group will apply for a charter from the F. F. A.

OKLAHOMA--Ollie Duroy. Have a state F. F. O. organization that started two years ago. At present have 67 chapters. Last year we held four state encampments. F. F. O. Boys won $2,500 in prizes last year.

KANSAS--Robert Paige. Have local agriculture clubs, and are getting started with a state organization.

ARKANSAS--Jesse Woodard. Have 54 local chapters of F. F. A. (Arkansas) with a membership of 1,175.

ARIZONA--Dwight Patterson. Held the first state meeting November 5, with 15 local chapters represented. Expect to become affiliated with F. F. A.

CALIFORNIA--Arthur Ketterlin. Formerly had a state organization, but it has disbanded. Recently five local clubs have signified their intention of reorganizing a state association and becoming affiliated with the F. F. A. Application will be made for a charter.

COLORADO--Don Godsey. No state organization at present. At a meeting of vocational agriculture boys held at the state fair this year with ten schools represented, it was decided to form a state association that later will ask to become affiliated with the F. F. A.

IDAHO--Carrol Baker. No statewide meeting has been held to discuss the F. F. A. organization, but four district groups representing 19 out of 22 schools have discussed the matter, and it is hoped that a state organization will soon be perfected.

WISCONSIN--Donald Godfrey. No state organization at present, but hope to have one by the next annual meeting of the F. F. A.

VIRGINIA--Hampton Campbell. Report follows:

Prior to 1925-26 there were in operation in Virginia from 10 to 15 local organizations for students of vocational agriculture. These local

organizations were accomplishing a great deal of good and it was generally felt that more organizations of a similar nature should be started and perhaps the local groups be brought together into a state organization. In October, 1926, a drive was launched in Virginia to establish local chapters of a state organization of students of vocational agriculture named the Future Farmers of Virginia.

Students of vocational agriculture thrucut the state were very enthusiastic over the idea and by the time of the first state meeting in April, 1927, 72 local chapters had been formed. The main objectives pushed by the organization during this formative period were father and son banquets, school ground improvement projects, thrift banks, and agricultural exhibits. Results of the drive on these objectives were considered quite good, as 67 father and son banquets were held, 60 school ground improvement projects inaugurated and 40 exhibits displaying the supervised practice work of the students were displayed. Sixty thrift banks were in operation with a total of $52,000 invested in savings accounts and $80,000 invested in farming. The first state meeting of the organization was held at the state college in April, 1927, at which time state officers were elected, the constitution and by-laws adopted, a program of work set up, and 25 members were awarded the Virginia Planters degree.

The objectives of the organization for the year 1927-28 included a drive for thrift banks, the completion of 90 percent of supervised practice enterprises, father and son banquets, the financing of judging teams to

the National Dairy Show and the American Royal Livestock Show, and the investing of $150,000 in farming.

The report of the executive committee at the 1928 meeting, which was also held at the state college, showed that the chapters had increased to 100 and the number of members to 2,400. Seventy-nine thrift banks had been in operation and 1,600 members had a total savings account of $78,000 in addition to $130,000 invested in farming. Fifty-two chapters reached the goal of 90 percent of their projects completed. Ninety-one chapters contributed $419 towards defraying the expenses of the judging team. Eighty-two father and son banquets were held during the year. Forty-seven chapters staged agricultural exhibits and 16 chapters sponsored community fairs. Forty-nine school ground improvement projects were conducted and 32 chapters bought and sold agricultural produce and supplies cooperatively, and 55 plays, debates, etc., were given to raise money for various activities of local chapters.

The 1928 state meeting was held in April at Blacksburg and new officers were elected and the Virginia Planter degree conferred upon successful candidates. At this meeting it was decided that state dues of $1 per member would be necessary for meeting the financial obligations of the organization. From money collected from dues the expense of judging teams to national contests are to be defrayed, pins are to be furnished the members as well as Virginia Planter keys, and judging awards are to be purchased

from these funds. Chapter Chats, the official publication of the organization, has been published in printed form since March, 1928; so far this paper has financed itself thru advertising matter, but it may be that some money will have to be taken from the treasury to assist in publishing this magazine.

The objectives for the year 1928-1929 are as follows:

1. A thrift bank in every chapter, with 100 percent of members with savings accounts.
2. Ninety percent of the supervised practice enterprises to be completed during the coming year.
3. One hundred percent of members to pay their state dues by October 1.
4. Every chapter to hold a "Father and Son Banquet."
5. A total investment in farming and savings of a quarter of a million dollars by July 1, 1929.
6. Every chapter to hold a summer encampment or take a farm tour this summer, preferably with some other chapter or chapters.

The executive committee further recommends that a movement be started toward the establishment of a permanent F. F. V. Camp in a suitable location in Virginia.

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 105 local chapters in operation during the current year, and to date 1,200 members have paid up their annual dues. From these dues sufficient money has been taken to

finance the judging team to Memphis and a livestock judging team to Kansas City.

Following the report of the delegates, the annual report of the Board of Trustees was given by the executive secretary, Mr. Henry Groseclose.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD NOVEMBER 18, 1928

Present: Dr. Lane, Messrs. Maltby, Linke, Groseclose, and Sampson.

The following motions were adopted:

That this year one key only be awarded to each state having delegates at the national meeting.

That, as far as possible, the keys be awarded to the delegates present at the meeting this year.

That the trustees present the following recommendations to the delegates:

(1) That the constitution be amended to read "that the insignia of the organization be the owl, the plow, and rising sun, surmounted by the eagle grasping the coat of arms of the United States and a bundle of arrows, with the letters F. F. A. across the central part of the emblem and the words Vocational Agriculture in small letters inserted at the base of the kernels of corn.

The L. G. Balfour Company of Attleboro, Massachusetts, were designated official jewelers and given a two-year contract.

That the present Board of Trustees meet in Richmond, Virginia, 30 days after this annual meeting.

That proper steps be taken by the present officers to secure a national charter from the Congress of the United States.

(2) That the by-laws be amended by striking out Section V.

(3) That the dues for the school year 1928-1929 be 10 cents per member, based on membership as of January 1, 1929, and payable on or before June 30, 1929.

That the executive secretary be asked to prepare a handbook for the F. F. A.

That the executive secretary be instructed to grant charters to all state associations that have applied for them.--H. O. Sampson, Acting Secretary. Kansas City, November 18, 1928.

The next order of business was the awarding of keys to American Farmers. Previous to the meeting credentials of boys who had passed the state farmer degree or were eligible to this degree were examined by the members of the Board of Trustees and the following were given the award this year:

Elsnier Beall, Arkansas; Arthur Ketterlin, California; Carrol Baker, Idaho; Leslie Applegate, New Jersey; Lawrence Augenstine, Ohio; Theodore Westerling, Utah; Ollie Duroy, Oklahoma; Guy Whitestone, South Carolina; Norman Larson, North Dakota; Joseph Beard, Virginia.

The keys were presented by Robert Maltby, Advisor of F. F. A. at the banquet for vocational agriculture boys held in the Baltimore Hotel, following the adjournment of the F. F. A. meeting.

The last order of business was the reports of committees. These reports follow:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Given by Sam Pickering of Arkansas. President, Leslie Applegate, New Jersey; first vice president, Alvin Reiner, Nebraska, North Central Region; second vice president, Lawrence Augenstine, Ohio, North Atlantic Reg, Eastern Region; third vice president, Sam Pickering, Arkansas, Southern Region; fourth vice president, Arthur Ketterlin, California, Western Region; student secretary, Don Godsey, Colorado, executive secretary-treasurer, Henry Groseclose, Virginia, adviser, Dr. C. H. Lane, Washington, D. C.

Following this report, there being no other nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for these officers and they were declared elected.

The auditing committee reported as follows:

LIABILITIES

Central Publishing Company	$ 10.00
Welch Company (for charters)	20.00
National Seal Company (for national seal)	30.00
Hurff & Jones (for keys)	120.00
Lettering charters	2.50
Fees for securing charters	38.00
	$221.00

- Assets

Received from 6 states for state charters: the states of Virginia, California, South Carolina, Arkansas, Oregon, New Jersey, of which each paid $5. $ 30.00. ~ OKLAHOMA (A seventh State, Nebraska, was also given a 1928 Charter)

Liabilities.....$221.00
Assets..... 30.00
$191.00 - in debt

The program of work committee gave the following report of a suggested program of work for local state and national chapters. After a brief discussion, the report was adopted and the secretary instructed to send a copy to each state.

F. F. A. PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1928-29

For Local Chapters—

1. Members of local chapters will work toward enlisting boys in the community and secure enrollment in the agriculture class.

2. That the local chapter assist the agriculture instructor in the making of farm surveys in order that firsthand knowledge be obtained as to the relative merits of the various phases of farming and check the progress of the vocational instructor.

3. That at least one meeting a year be held on outdoor life.

4. That each local chapter hold: (a) a Father and Son Banquet; (b) at least one camping trip in a body; (c) a project tour and the class score the projects.

5. A thrift program in every chapter.

6. That at least one cooperative project be conducted in one of the following lines: (a) Production; (b) Marketing; (c) Buying; (d) Financing.

7. That local chapter should encourage all members to take such projects and pursue such activities in supervised practice as will help develop confidence in handling of complex farm problems.

8. That the executive committee of each local chapter check the vocational plans of the prospective candidates for election, help those in the chapter to carry out their plans and ask for the minimum standard set.

9. That the local chapter encourage leadership thru: (a) Debates, public speaking; (b) membership of working committee; (c) community activities.

FOR STATE ~~CHAPTERS~~ Associations

1. That the state chaptor keep the public informed, thru the newspapers, of the activities and accomplishments of the membership.

2. Provide statewide debates, public speaking, contests, Etc.

3. Provide for suitable awards for achievements.

4. Provide a state encampment, fair, school, or some other form of get-together meeting.

FOR THE NATIONAL ~~CHAPTER~~ Association

1. Encourage and help unorganized states perfect a state organization.

2. Encourage and foster national judging contests.

3. To work out a ritual for use in local, state and national chapters.

4. To provide, thru the National Congress of Vocational Agriculture Students, larger opportunities for the development of leadership and for giving national recognition to the outstanding achievements of the Future Farmers of the different states.

The Resolutions Committee gave the following report and the resolutions were adopted:

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Future Farmers of America, a national organization of students of vocational agriculture, in our first annual congress assembled at Kansas City, Missouri, realizing that the present federal aid extended to the states for the instruction of vocational agriculture is inadequate to meet the present needs and to take care of future growth do hereby resolve:

That we are heartily in favor of the George-Langes-Reed bill now before Congress. We request that this bill be passed during the present session of Congress.

We further resolve that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Walter F. George of Georgia, Congressman Franklin Langes of Pennsylvania, and Congressman D. A. Reed of New York, sponsors of this bill.

We, the Future Farmers of America, assembled in our first annual congress, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following

individuals and organizations who have helped us in making our organization a success:

Dr. C. H. Lane, of the Federal Board for Vocational Education; Mr. George R. Collett, President of Kansas City Stock Yards Company; Mr. J. F. Case, author of "Tom of Peace Valley"; Mr. E. L. Cuff, of Kansas City Livestock Exchange; The Kansas City, Kansas, Chamber of Commerce; The Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce; The Hotel Baltimore; The America Royal Livestock Association; The Kansas City Public Service Company; The Kansas City Journal Post; Sears Roebuck and Company; Armour and Company; Ford Motor Company, Kansas City Star.

Midwest Livestock Loss Prevention Board, Director;

Following the committee reports, acting President Lane called on Mr. Henry, agricultural member of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, to tell the delegates something of the importance of organization among groups. Mr. Henry predicted that the F. F. A. would become a distinct power in furthering vocational education in the United States.

President Applegate was then called to the front and the meeting turned over to him. He told the delegates that he would give his best efforts during the coming year toward making the newly organized F. F. A. a success. He then called on each of the other officers for brief talks, after which the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FOR 1928-29

President, Leslie Applegate, Freehold, New Jersey; first vice president, Alvin Reimer, Beatrice, Nebraska; second vice president, Lawrence Augenstine, Ashley, Ohio; third vice president, Sam Pickering, Gentry, Arkansas; fourth vice president, Arthur Ketterlin, Santa Rosa, California; student secretary, Don Godsey, Yuma, Colorado; executive secretary-treasurer, Henry Groseclose, State Board of Education, Richmond, Virginia; adviser, Dr. C. H. Lane, Federal Board for Vocational Education, Washington, D. C.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Committees appointed by Dr. Lane at special meeting November 18, 1928:

Nominating--Chairman, Sam Pickering, Arkansas; Lawrence Augenstine, Ohio; Alvin Reimer, Nebraska; Neal Thompson, Oregon; Howard Cree, North Dakota; Dr. Lane.

Auditing--Chairman, Robert Shaw, Ohio; Harry Gibson, Michigan; Arthur Ketterlin, California; Mr. Sampson.

Resolutions--Chairman, T. F. Kidd, Virginia; Wilbur Signer, Oregon; Millard Hucy, Colorado; Reid Lockhart, California; Norman Larson, North Dakota; Mr. Groseclose.

Program of Work--Chairman, Glenn Munsel, Michigan; Leslie Applegate, New Jersey; Hampton Campbell, Virginia; Don Godsey, Colorado; Andrew Walberg, Nebraska, Mr. Maltby of FBVE for Agric. Education

Paul Zillman, Missouri, and National Student Secretary, 1929-30 attended the First Convention in 1928 with C. L. (Dutch) Angevine of

LIST OF DELEGATES

Future Farmers of America, 1928.
Arkansas--Sam Pickering, Jesse Woodard.
California--Arthur Ketterlin, Reid Lockhart.
Ohio--Robert Shaw, Lawrence Augenstine.
Nebraska--Andrew Walberg, Alvin Reimer.
North Dakota--Norman Larson, Howard Cree.
Idaho--Carrol Baker, George Evans.
Oklahoma--Ollie Duroy, Ellwood Berry - also Vernon Howell
Utah--Theodore Westring, Albert Banks.
New Jersey--Leslie Applegate.
Wisconsin--Donald Godfrey.
Virginia--T. F. Kidd, Jr., Hampton Campbell.
Colorado--Don Godsey, Millard Huey.
Arizona--Dwight Patterson, Raymond Gilliland.
Iowa--Herschel Hintermeister.
Oregon--Wilbur Signer, Neal Thompson.
South Carolina--Wallace Grant, Carl Smoak.
Kansas--Robert Paige, Raymond Cohorst.
Michigan--Glenn Munsel, Harry Gibson.

NOTE: March 4, 1968

Corrections made by Mr. E. J. Johnson, Archives Manager and FFA Consultant. Changes approved by Dr. W. T. Spanton and Mr. W. A. Ross, both members of the Archives Advisory Council. Dr. Spanton was an official to the First Convention from the Federal Board for Vocational Education (Agriculture Division).